

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant(s) : Jeff B. Pelz)
 Serial No. : 09/545,577)
 Filed : April 7, 2000)
 For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
 REDUCING NOISE IN A DIGITAL)
 IMAGE AND APPARATUS THEREOF)

Examiner:
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Art Unit:
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 6, between lines 16 and 17, insert -> The file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawings will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

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REMARKS

A Petition to Accept Photographs Under 37 CFR 1.84(b) was filed on April 7, 2000 because color drawings are necessary as the only practical medium by which to disclose the subject matter sought to be patented in the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iii), Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the above noted amendment to the Specification.